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SUBJECT: VISIT OF VULKAN SHOPOV

1. I IMAGINE THAT STATE HAS FLAGGED TO YOU THE UPCOMING VISIT OF VULKAN SHOPOV, BUT JUST IN CASE THEY HAVEN'T EMPHASIZED THE POTENTIAL WHICH THIS VISIT HAS FOR AMERICAN EXPORTS TO BULGARIA IN THE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY SECTOR, LET ME POINT OUT A FEW BASIC FACTS ABOUT IT.

2. SHOPOV IS A DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, THE FIRST VISITOR OF THIS RANK WE HAVE HAD FROM BULGARIA. AS SUCH HE IS IN FACT THE MAN WHO SITS ON TOP OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. HE WILL BE IN THE US 30 DAYS, AND SAYS IT IS FOR PURPOSE OF ACQUAINTING HIMSELF WITH LATEST US ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY.

3. PROGRAMMING HIS VISIT IS IN THE HANDS OF CU IN STATE. BUT IT WOULD NOT BE AMISS, I THINK, IF COMMERCE TOOK AN INTEREST IN HOW THAT PROGRAM IS SHAPED. A NUMBER OF LARGE AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS ARE, AS YOU KNOW, ALREADY IN THE MARKET HERE AND OTHERS HAVE
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SHOWN INTEREST.

4. SHOPOV LEAVES HERE FRIDAY JUNE 17 AND, AFTER A STOP-OVER IN PARIS, WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON EITHER JUNE 18 OR 19. HE HAS PROGRAMMING SESSION SCHEDULED IN STATE DEPARTMENT JUNE 20. STATE WILL FURNISH HIM AN INTERPRETER AND ESCORT. I HAVE MET HIM AND CAN TELL YOU HE IS VERY SHARP

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AND RATHER WELL-INFORMED REGARDING THE US. HE IS A FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MISSES NO TRICKS.

5. WE SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT HIS VISIT IS TRULY TO MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, AND IN THIS RESPECT I BELIEVE COMMERCE HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY.
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